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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. claims: 1-34 and 36-39

a process for the preparation of L-threonine using
L-threonine-producing bacteria from the family
Enterobacteriaceae, as claimed in claim 1 and embodiments
thereof.

2. claim: 35

Saccharose-utilizing transconjugants of Escherichia coli
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